(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A field survey with a sample of 900 respondents conducted in July, 1988 at Karimnagar, Cuddapah and Kakinada LPT Centres in Andhra Pradesh revealed that feature films based programmes are the most preferred items followed by Telugu news, sports, sponsored serials, national bulletins, Sumanjali and dance| music items.

328. [*Transferred to the 14th November, 1988*].

Supply of Maize and other cereals by UAFED

329. DR YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NAFED has supplied and is supplying maize and other cereals to subsidiary of a multinational company for manufacture of poultry and cattle feed; and

(b) if so, the details thereof specifying the procurement prices paid for such commodities and the prices realised by NAFED?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) NAFED suplied 2,600 tonnes of maize out of its commercial imports to M|s. Lipton India, Bangalore in July/August, 1988 at the rate of Rs. 2,300 PMT. ex-Madras and Kandla ports/godowns. The said stock was imported at US $ 123 PMT. C&F Free Out Indian ports and the total cost after taking into account other related expenses like Insurance charges, clearing and forwarding expenses packaging transportation, storage etc. worked out to NAFED at Rs. 2166.77 PMT.

Proposal for fishing harbour at Honnavar in Karnataka

330. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka have submitted a proposal to the Government of India seeking administrative approval for the construction of Fishing Harbour at Honnavar, in the State;

(b) if so, the reasosn for the delay in giving the approval; and

(c) the financial assistance likely to be sanctioned by the Government of India for this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (c) The fishing Harbour project at Honnavar was approved by the Government of India in June, 1973 at an estimated cost of Rs. 45.98 lakhs. The entire sanctioned cost of the project was also released to the Government of Karnataka. The harbour project was inaugurated on the 24th January, 1985.

Declaration of Mandals as defined area in place of taluka under crop Insurance Scheme in Karnataka

331. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka have submitted a proposal to the Government of India, to declare the mandal as defined area in place of taluka, for the purpose of Crop Insurance Scheme and making non-loanee farmers eligible for the scheme;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in approval of the Scheme; and

(c) by when this scheme is likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There was no delay on the part of the Government in deciding the matter. The Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme (CCIS) already provides that the unit area of crop insurance may be a district/tehsil/taluka/block or other smaller contiguous area subject to the condition that the State Government has the yield data for last three years for wheat and paddy and for last 5 years for millets, oilseeds and pulses for the concerned unit area and it is possible to conduct atleast 16 crop cutting experiments in each of this area for each of the crop covered under the CCIS at the end of every season.

As regards covering the non-loanee farmers under the CCIS, there is no proposal to extend the CCIS to the non-loanee farmers.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer to (a) and (b) above.

Proposal for Fishing Harbour at Malpe Karnataka

332. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government have submitted a proposal to the Government of India seeking administrative approval for the construction of fishing harbour at Malpe Development of II Stage; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in the grant of approval?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. The proposal for the development of Malpe Fishing Harbour Second Stage was received from the Government of Karnataka in June, 1983.

State Government were advised to complete all the works sanctioned in 1976 for the development of Malpe Fishing Harbour First Stage before taking up the Second Stage. As it was getting delayed, the mater was discussed in a meeting with the State Government on 8th June, 1987. In the light of those discussions, action is pending with the State Government both in respect of the completion of First Stage and revision of the proposals for the Second Stage.

(b) Does not arise.

Problem Villages in the Country

333. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated number of villages likely to face drinking water problem before next monsoon; State-wise;

(b) what steps are being taken to reduce the number of such villages; and

(c) what steps are being considered to make the drinking water available to all the people?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARY): (a) A statement showing number of No-source Problem Villages likely to remain uncovered as on 1-3-1989 is enclosed. (*See* below).

(b) and (c) The programme of supplying safe drinking water to rural areas continues to receive highest priority at the Central Government and State Government levels. It is